

Bellwoods Centres for Community Living Inc. Multi-Year Accessibility Plan: 2014-2021

Who We Are

Established 60 years ago, Bellwoods Centres for Community Living Inc. is a charitable, not-for-profit organization providing community based, client directed support services, transitional independent living programs, outreach services, community cluster programs, and accessible, affordable housing for individuals with physical support needs including seniors, living in Toronto. Bellwoods Centres has been accredited by Accreditation Canada since 2007.

Our personal support services and independent living programs are offered to clients who live in the community, in one of our community cluster programs, or in one of our 24-hour supportive housing locations. Services and programs including personal support, skill development and system navigation are geared to facilitate transitions and independent living in the community and to prevent hospitalization

There is a continuing and expanding need for support services and programs. Bellwoods Centres' history demonstrates innovation and change to meet evolving community and health system needs. Our voluntary Board of Directors is drawn from the community, including our clients.

What We Believe In

Our Mission

Transforming lives through excellence and innovation in independent living.

Our Vision

We envision a future where barriers do not exist.

Our Values

- Client & Family Centred Services
- Delivering High Quality Programs
- Partnerships & Integration
- Performance Excellence
- Staff are Valued, Engaged and Supported

Statement of Commitment

Bellwoods Centres for Community Living Inc. is committed to treating all people in a way that allows them to maintain their dignity and independence. We are committed to meeting the needs of persons with disabilities in a timely manner, and will do so by preventing and removing barriers to accessibility and meeting accessibility requirements under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). Accordingly, Bellwoods Centres will evolve its policies and procedures in compliance with the Act and its standards for customer service, employment, transportation, environment and information and communication.

Part 1: Customer Service Standards

It is the policy of Bellwoods Centres to provide consistently high customer service standards for all clients, regardless of race, creed, age, gender, or disability. All customer service provided by Bellwoods Centres shall follow the ideals of dignity, independence, integration and equal opportunity.

Regulation Section	Compliance Date	Requirements	Compliance Status	Compliance Action
Establishment of Policies & Procedures (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 429/07, s. 3)	January 1, 2010	1. Every provider of goods and services shall establish policies, practices, and procedures governing the provision of its goods or services to persons with disabilities (AODA, 2005,).	Compliant	Policy HR-A3-01, "Customer Service Accessibility"

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		2. The Provider shall use reasonable efforts to ensure that its policies, practices and procedures are consistent with the following: a) goods and services are provided in a manner that respects the dignity and independence of persons with disabilities b) the provision of goods and services to persons with disabilities and others must be integrated unless an alternate measure is necessary, whether temporarily or permanently, to enable a person to obtain, use or benefit from the good or services c) Persons with disabilities must be given an opportunity equal to that given to others to obtain, use and benefit from the goods or services (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	In addition to HR-A3-01, we have multiple Human Resources and Client Service policies
		3. The policies must deal with the use of assistive devices by persons with disabilities to obtain, use or benefit from the provider's goods or services or the availability, if any, or other measures which enable them to do so (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the Client Service Accessibility policy
		4. When communicating with a person with disability a provider shall do so in a manner that takes into account the person's disability (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the Client Service Accessibility policy as well as educated during AODA training

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		5. Shall prepare one or more documents describing its policies, practices and procedures and, upon request, shall give a copy of a document to any person (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is specified in policies HR-A3-01, HR-A4-01, "Employment," and HR-A5-01, "Information & Communications"
Use of Service Animals and Support Persons (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 429/07, s. 4)	January 1, 2010	2. If a person with disability is accompanied by a guide dog or other service animal, the provider of goods and services shall ensure that the person is permitted to enter the premises with the animal and to keep the animal with him or her unless the animal is otherwise excluded by law from the premises (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the Client Service Accessibility policy as well as educated during AODA training
		3. If a service animal is excluded by law from the premises, the provider of goods or services shall ensure that other measures are available to enable to person with a disability to obtain use or benefit from the provider's good or services (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	Service animals are permitted on Bellwoods Centres' premises.
		4. If a person with a disability is accompanied by a support person, the provider of goods or services shall ensure both persons are permitted to enter the premises together and that the person with a disability is not prevented from having access to the support person while on the premises (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the Client Service Accessibility policy as well as educated during AODA training

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		5. The provider of goods or services may require a person with a disability to be accompanied by a support person when on the premises but only if a support person is necessary to protect the health or safety of the person with a disability or the health and safety of others on the premises (AODA, 2005).	Complaint	This is integrated into the Client Service Accessibility policy as well as educated during AODA training
		6. If an amount is payable by a person for admission to the premises or in connection with a person's presence at the premises the provider of goods or services shall ensure that notice is given in advance about the amount, if any, payable in respect of the support person (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the Client Service Accessibility policy as well as educated during AODA training
		7. The provider shall prepare documents describing its policies, practices and procedures with respect to the matters governed by this section and, upon request, shall give a copy of a document to any person (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the Client Service Accessibility policy as well as educated during AODA training
Notice of Temporary Disruptions (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 429/07, s. 5)	January 1, 2010	1. If there is a temporary disruption in particular facilities or services utilized by persons with disabilities in whole or part, the provider shall give notice of the disruption to the public (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the Client Service Accessibility policy

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Regulation Section	Compliance Date	Requirements	Compliance Status	Compliance Action
		2. Notice of disruption must include information about the reason for the disruption, its anticipated duration and a description of alternative facilities or services, if any, that are available (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the Client Service Accessibility policy
		3. Notice may be given by posting the information at a conspicuous place on premises owned or operated by the provider of goods or services, by posting it on the provider's website, if any, or by such other method as is reasonable in the circumstances (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the Client Service Accessibility policy
		4. The provider shall prepare a document that set out the steps to be taken in connection with a temporary disruption and, upon request shall give a copy of the document to any person (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the Client Service Accessibility policy
Training for staff, etc. (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 429/07, s. 6)	January 1, 2010	1. Every provider of goods or services shall ensure that the following persons receive training about the provision of its good or services to person with disabilities: - Every person who deals with members of the public or other third parties on behalf of the provider, whether the person does so as an employee agent, volunteer, or otherwise. - Every person who participates in developing the provider's policies practices and procedures governing the provision of goods or services to members of the public or other third parties (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the Client Service Accessibility policy

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		 2. The training must include a review of the purposes of the Act and requirements of the Regulation and instruction about the following matters: - How to interact and communicate with persons with various types of disability, the use of a service animal or the assistance of a support device - How to use equipment or devices available on the provider's premises or otherwise provided by the provider that may help with the provision of goods or services to a person with a disability - What to do if a person with a particular type of disability is having difficulty accessing the provider's goods or services (AODA, 2005) 	Compliant	This is integrated into the Client Service Accessibility policy
		3. The training must be provided to each person as soon as practicable after he or she is assigned the application duties (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the Client Service Accessibility policy
		4. This training must also be provided on an ongoing basis in connection with changes to the policies, practices and procedures governing the provision of goods or services to persons with disabilities (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the Client Service Accessibility policy
		5. Shall prepare a document describing its training policy and the document must include a summary of the contents of the training and details of when the training is to be provided (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the Client Service Accessibility policy
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		6. Shall keep records of the training provided under this section including dates on which the training is provided and the number of individuals to whom it is provided (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the Client Service Accessibility policy. Human Resources keeps records of attendance.
Feedback Process for providers of goods or services (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 429/07, s. 7)	January 1, 2010	1. Shall establish a process for receiving and responding to feedback about the manner in which it provides goods or services to persons with disabilities and shall make information about the process readily available to the public (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the Client Service Accessibility policy and is also on our website.
		2. The feedback process must permit persons to provide their feedback in person, by telephone, in writing, or by delivering an electronic text by email or on diskette or otherwise (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the Client Service Accessibility policy and is also on our website.
		3. The feedback process must specify the actions that the provider of goods or services is required to take if a complaint is received (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the Client Service Accessibility policy and is also on our website.
		4. Shall prepare a document describing its feedback process and, upon request, shall give a copy of the document to any person (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the Client Service Accessibility policy and is also on our website.

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Notice of Availability of documents (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 429/07, s. 8)	January 1, 2010	1. Shall notify persons to whom it provides goods or services that the documents required by the Regulation are available upon request (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is specified in policies HR-A3-01, HR-A4-01, & HR-A5-01 as well as on our website
		2. The notice may be given by posting the information at a conspicuous place on premises owned or operated by the provider, by posting it on the provider's website, if any, or by such other method as is reasonable in the circumstances (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is specified in policies HR-A3-01, HR-A4-01, & HR-A5-01 as well as on our website
Format of documents (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 429/07, s. 9)	January 1, 2010	1. If a provider of goods or services is required by this Regulation to give a copy of a document to a person with a disability, the provider shall give the person the document, or the information contained in the document, in a format that takes into account the person's disability (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is specified in policies HR-A3-01, HR-A4-01, & HR-A5-01 as well as on our website
		2. The provider of goods or services and the person with a disability may agree upon the format to be used for the document or information (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is specified in policies HR-A3-01, HR-A4-01, & HR-A5-01 as well as on our website

In accordance with the Integrated Accessibility Standards, Ontario Regulation 191/11, the general requirements apply across all of the three standards, Information and Communications, Employment and Transportation

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Establishment of Accessibility Policies (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 3)	January 1, 2013	1. Develop, implement and maintain policies governing how the organization achieves or will achieve accessibility through the Integrated Standards (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is specified in policies HR-A5-01, "Information & Communications" and HR-A4-01, "Employment"
, , , , ,		2. Include a statement of organizational commitment to meet the accessibility needs of persons with disabilities in a timely manner (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	Statement is on our website as well as commitments stated in all three AODA policies: HR-A3-01, HR-A4-01, & HR-A5-01
		3.a. Prepare at least one written document describing its policies; and (AODA, 2005)	Compliant	We have three AODA policies: HR-A3-01, HR-A4-01, & HR-A5-01 as well as on our website
		3. b. Make the documents publicly accessible and provide them in an accessible format upon request.	Compliant	The accessibility policies and multi-year plan are available on our website
		4.a. Establish, implement, maintain, and document a multi-year accessibility plan (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	The current plan is available on our website.
		4.b. Post accessibility plan on website, if any, and provide the plan in an accessible format upon request (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is stated in both HR-A4-01 & HR-A5-01 policies. Our plan is available on our website.
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		4.c. Review and update the accessibility plans at least once every 5 years (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is stated in both HR-A4-01 & HR-A5-01 policies
		2. Establish, review and update accessibility plans in consultation with persons with disabilities and, if established an accessibility advisory committee, must consult with the committee (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is stated in both HR-A4-01 & HR-A5-01 policies
		3.a. Prepare an annual status report on the progress of measure taken to implement the strategy referenced in the clause (1); and (AODA, 2005)	Compliant	This is stated in both HR-A4-01 & HR-A5-01 policies
		3. b. Post the status report on their website, if any, and provide the report in an accessible format upon request (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is stated in both HR-A4-01 & HR-A5-01 policies
Procuring or acquiring goods, services, or facilities (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 5)	January 1, 2013	Incorporate accessibility criteria and features when procuring or acquiring goods, services or facilities, except where it is not practicable to do so	Compliant	This is stated in both HR-A4-01 & HR-A5-01 policies and integrated into Bellwoods' Safe Purchasing Guidelines
Self-service kiosks (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 6)	January 1, 2013	1. Incorporate accessibility features when designing, procuring or acquiring self-service kiosks (AODA, 2005).	Not Applicable	Not Applicable; there are no self- serve kiosks at Bellwoods Centres
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		2. Have regard to the accessibility for persons with disabilities when designing, procuring or acquiring self-service kiosks (AODA, 2005).	Not Applicable	Not Applicable; there are no self- serve kiosks at Bellwoods Centres
		1. Provide training on the requirements of the accessibility standards referred to in this Regulation and on the Human Rights Code as it pertains to persons with disabilities to: all employees, volunteers, persons who participate in the development of the Organization's policies, persons who provide goods, services, facilities on behalf of the organization (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is stated in both HR-A4-01 & HR-A5-01 policies
Training (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 7)	January 1, 2014	2. Training shall be appropriate to the duties of the employees, volunteers and other persons (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is stated in both HR-A4-01 & HR-A5-01 policies
		3. Every person shall be trained as soon as practicable (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	AODA training has been incorporated into our new employee orientation
		4. Training shall be provided in respect of any changes to the policies on an ongoing basis (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	Any changes to existing policies are provided to employees through bi-annual internal training sessions
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Regulation Compliance Section Date	Requirements	Compliance Status	Compliance Action
	5. Every designated public sector organization and every large organization shall keep a record of the training provided under this section, including the dates on which the training is provided and the number to whom it is provided.	Compliant	Training records are kept by Human Resources.

Part 3: Information & Communication Standards

This section applies to the provision of information and communication services and materials for people with disabilities. All information and communications materials and services provided by Bellwoods Centres shall follow the principles of dignity, independence, integration and equal opportunity.

Regulation Section	Compliance Date	Requirements	Compliance Status	Compliance Action
Feedback (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 11)	January 1, 2014	1. Processes for receiving and responding to feedback must be accessible to persons with disabilities by providing or arranging for the provision of accessible formats and communications supports, upon request (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the Information & Communication policy and is also on our website.
		2. Notify the public about the availability of accessible formats and communication supports.	Compliant	This is integrated in the Client Service Accessibility, Information & Communication, and Employment policies. It is also on our website.

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Accessible websites and web content (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 14)	January 1, 2014 - all new material Level A January 1, 2021 - all content Level AA	1. Shall make internet websites and web content conform with the World Wide Web Consortium Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0, initially at Level A and increasing to Level AA (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	Our website has been updated in early 2014 and meets the WCAG Level A guidelines. Plans are being made to ensure compliance of WCAG Level AA by January 1, 2021

Part 4: Employment Standards

This section applies to the provision of accessible employment services for people with disabilities. It confirms Bellwoods Centres commitment to accessibility for persons with disabilities and outline the roles and responsibilities of staff and the organization in accordance with the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulations (191/11).

Regulation Section	Compliance Date	Requirements	Compliance Status	Compliance Action
Recruitment General (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 22)	January 1, 2014	Shall notify its employees and the public about the availability of accommodation for applicants with disabilities in its recruitment process (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	All job postings both internal and external include language that advises applicants to notify Bellwoods if they require accommodation in order to participate in the recruitment process.

Part 4: Employment Standards

Regulation Section	Compliance Date	Requirements	Compliance Status	Compliance Action
Recruitment, assessment or selection process (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 23)	January 1, 2014	1. During recruitment shall notify job applicants that are selected to participate in an assessment or selection process that accommodations are available upon request in relation to the materials or processes being used (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	Job applicants that are contacted for telephone pre-screening or for an in-person interview are notified of Bellwoods' compliance with the AODA and are asked before beginning the process to inform us of any accessibility needs they may have.
		2. If a selected participant requests an accommodation, the employer shall consult with the applicant and provide or arrange for the provision of a suitable accommodation in a manner that take into account the applicant's accessibility needs.	Compliant	If a participant comes forward with a request for accommodation, HR will consult with the participant and put an accommodation process in place that suits the participant
Notice to successful applicants (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 24)	January 1, 2014	Every employer shall, when making offers of employment, notify the successful applicant of its policies for accommodating employees with disabilities (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	If a participant comes forward with a request for accommodation, HR will consult with the participant and put an accommodation process in place that suits the participant
Informing Employees of Supports (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 25)	January 1, 2014	1. Shall inform employees of its policies used to support its employees with disabilities as soon as practicable after they begin their employment (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	AODA training has been incorporated into our new employee orientation
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Regulation Section	Compliance Date	Requirements	Compliance Status	Compliance Action
		3. Shall provide updated information to employees whenever there is a change to existing policies on the provisions of job accommodations that take into account an employee's accessibility needs due to disability (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	Any changes to existing policies on the provisions of job accommodations are provided to employees through bi-annual internal training sessions
Accessible formats and communication supports for employees (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 26)	January 1, 2014	1. Where an employee with disabilities requests it, the employer shall consult with the employee to provide or arrange for the provision of accessible formats and communication supports for: a) information that is needed in order to perform the employee's job; and b) information that is generally available to employees in the workplace (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the HR-A4-01 policy If an employee advises the employer of accommodation needs related to communication supports Bellwoods will put forward a plan in order to provide or arrange for these supports in terms of information required for the employee to do their job, and information that is generally available to all staff.
		2. Shall consult with employee making request in determining the suitability of an accessible format or communication support (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	This is integrated into the HR-A4-01 policy The employee making the request is consulted to determine the appropriate format.
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Regulation Section	Compliance Date	Requirements	Compliance Status	Compliance Action
Workplace emergency response information (AODA, 2005, O.	January 1, 2012	1. Provide individualized workplace emergency response information to employees who have a disability, where necessary (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	Individualized workplace emergency response plans are developed and put in place for all employees who have a disability.
Reg. 191/11, s. 27)		2. If employee who receives individualized workplace emergency response information requires assistance, with the employee's consent, the employer will designate a person to provide assistance to the employee and provide that person with the individualized response information (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	Individualized workplace emergency response plans are developed and put in place for all employees who have a disability.
		3. The information will be provided as soon as practicable after the employer becomes aware of the need for accommodation due to the employee disability (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	Individualized workplace emergency response plans are developed and put in place for all employees who have a disability.
		4. Shall review the individualized workplace emergency response information, a) when the employee moves to a different location in the organization; b) when the employee's overall accommodations needs or plans are reviewed; and c) when the employer reviews its general emergency response policies (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	Individualized workplace emergency response plans are developed and put in place for all employees who have a disability.
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process for the development of documented individualized accommodation plans for employees with disabilities (AODA, 2005). 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 28) 2. The process for the development of documented individualized accommodation plans for employees with disabilities (AODA, 2005). 2. The process for development shall include accommodation plans follow out Early & Safe Return to Work policy and procedures Compliant The process for individualized	Regulation Section	Compliance Date	Requirements	Compliance Status	Compliance Action
2. The process for development shall include the following elements: a) the manner in which an employee requesting accommodation can participate in the development of the individual accommodation plan; b) the manner in which the employee is assessed on an individual basis; c) the manner in which the employee can request the participation of a representative from their bargaining agent, if applicable, or other representative from the workplace, in the development of the accommodation plan; d) the steps taken to protect the privacy of the employee's personal information; e) the frequency with which the individual accommodation plan will be reviewed and updated and the manner in which it will be done; f) if an individual plan is denied, the manner in which the reasons for the denial will be provided to the employee; and g) the means of providing the individual accommodation plan in a format that takes into account the employee's accessibility needs	Documented individual accommodation plans (AODA, 2005, O. Reg.	January 1, 2014	process for the development of documented individualized accommodation plans for	Compliant	accommodation plans follow our Early & Safe Return to Work
Part 4: Employment Standards			the following elements: a) the manner in which an employee requesting accommodation can participate in the development of the individual accommodation plan; b) the manner in which the employee is assessed on an individual basis; c) the manner in which the employee can request the participation of a representative from their bargaining agent, if applicable, or other representative from the workplace, in the development of the accommodation plan; d) the steps taken to protect the privacy of the employee's personal information; e) the frequency with which the individual accommodation plan will be reviewed and updated and the manner in which it will be done; f) if an individual plan is denied, the manner in which the reasons for the denial will be provided to the employee; and g) the means of providing the individual accommodation plan in a format that takes into account the employee's accessibility needs	Compliant	accommodation plans follow our Early & Safe Return to Work

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		3. Individual accommodation plans shall, a) if requested, include any information regarding accessible formats and communication supports provided; b) if required, include individualized workplace emergency response information; and c) identify any other accommodation that is to be provided (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	The process for individualized accommodation plans follow our Early & Safe Return to Work policy and procedures
Return to work process (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 29)	January 1, 2014	1.a. Shall develop and have in place a return to work process for its employees who have been absent from work due to a disability and require disability-related accommodations in order to return to work; and 1.b. Shall document the process (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	Bellwoods has a Return to Work policy, HR-J10-01, that outlines our process.
		2. The return to work process shall, a) outline the steps the employer will take to facilitate the return to work of employees who were absent because their disability required them to be away from work; and b) use documented individual accommodation plans as part of the process (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	Bellwoods has a Return to Work policy, HR-J10-01, that outlines our process.
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Regulation Section	Compliance Date	Requirements	Compliance Status	Compliance Action
Performance Management (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 30)	January 1, 2014	1. Shall take into account the accessibility needs of employees with disabilities, as well as individual accommodation plans, when using its performance management in respect of employee with disabilities (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	New hires participate in a performance appraisal before their probation period concludes, and after that they participate every year or 18 months depending on the position. Managers/Supervisors discuss any accommodation plans the employee may already have in place, or ask whether one needs to be put in place for them.
Career development and advancement (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 31)	January 1, 2014	1. Shall take into account the accessibility needs of employees with disabilities, as well as individual accommodation plans, when providing career development and advancement to its employees with disabilities (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	Internal job postings contain language asking candidates to come forward with any accommodation needs that they may require
Redeployment (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 32)	January 1, 2014	1. Shall take into account the accessibility needs of its employees with disabilities as well as individual accommodation plans, when redeploying employees with disabilities (AODA, 2005).	Compliant	Bellwoods has a Return to Work policy, HR-J10-01, that outlines our process.

Part 5: Transportation Standards

The standard for transportation only applies to transportation providers who operate solely in the province of Ontario; this section is not applicable to Bellwoods Centres at this time.

Regulation Section	Compliance Date	Requirements	Compliance Status	Compliance Action
Public sector organizations (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 76)	July 1, 2011	76. Designated public sector organizations (including hospitals) that are not primarily in the business of transportation, but that provide transportation services, shall provide accessible vehicles or equivalent services upon request (AODA, 2005).	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Part 6: Built Environment Standards

The standard for the design of public spaces only applies to new construction and major changes to existing features; this section is not applicable to Bellwoods Centres at this time.

Regulation Section	Compliance Date	Requirements	Compliance Status	Compliance Action
Outdoor public use eating areas, application (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 80.16, O. Reg. 413/12 s. 6)	January 1, 2016	 (1) The requirements in section 80.17 apply to newly constructed and redeveloped outdoor public use eating areas that an obligated organization intends to maintain and that fall within the description set out in subsection (2). (2) The outdoor public use eating areas to which subsection (1) applies consist of tables that are found in public areas, such as recreational experience. 	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Part 6: Built Enviro				
Regulation Section	Compliance Date	Requirements	Compliance Status	Compliance Action
Exterior paths of travel, general (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 80.22, O. Reg. 413/12 s. 6)	January 1, 2016	Obligated organizations shall ensure that any exterior paths of travel that they construct or redevelop and intend to maintain meet the requirements set out in the part.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Exterior paths of travel, technical (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 80.23, O. Reg. 413/12 s. 6)	January 1, 2016	When constructing new or redeveloping existing exterior paths of travel that they intend to maintain, obligated organizations shall ensure that new and redeveloped exterior paths meet the following requirements: 1. the exterior path must have a minimum clear width of 1,500mm, but this clear width can be reduced to 1,200mm to serve as a turning space where the exterior path connects with a curb ramp.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		2. Where the head room clearance is less than 2,100 mm over a portion of the exterior path, a rail or other barrier with a leading edge that is cane detectable must be provided around the object that is obstructing the head room clearance.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		3. The surface must be firm and stable.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		4. The surface must be slip resistant.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Part 6: Built Enviro				
Regulation Section	Compliance Date	Requirements	Compliance Status	Compliance Action
		5.Where an exterior path has openings in its surface, i. the openings must not allow passage of an object that has a diameter of more than 20 mm and, ii. Any elongated openings must be oriented approximately perpendicular to the direction of travel.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		6. The maximum running slope of the exterior path must be no more than 1:20, but where the exterior path is a sidewalk, it can have a slope greater than 1:20, but it cannot be steeper than the slope of the adjacent roadway.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		7. The maximum cross slope of the exterior path must be no more than 1:20, where the surface is asphalt, concrete or some other hard surface, or no more than 1:10 in all other cases.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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		8. The exterior path must meet the following requirements: i. it must have a 1:2 bevel at changes in level between 6 mm and 13 mm	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		ii. it must have a maximum running slope of 1:8 or a curb ramp that meets the requirement of section 80.26 at changes in level of 75 mm or greater and 200 mm or less. iii. It must have maximum running slope of 1:10 or a curb ramp that meets the requirement of section 80.26 at changes in level of 75 mm or greater and 200 mm or less. iv. It must have a ramp that meets the requirements of section 80.24 at changes in level of greater than 200 mm.		
		9. The entrance to the exterior path of travel must provide a minimum clear opening of 850 mm, whether the entrance includes a gate, bollard or other entrance design.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Exterior paths of travel, ramps (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 80.24, O. Reg. 413/12 s. 6)	January 1, 2016	Where an exterior path of travel is equipped with a ramp, the ramp must meet the following requirements: 1. The ramp must have a minimum clear width of 900 mm.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		2. The surface of the ramp must be firm and stable.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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		3. The surface of the ramp must be slip resistant.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		4. The surface of the ramp must have a maximum running slope of no more than 1:15.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		5. The ramp must be provided with landings that meet the following requirements: i. landings must be provided, A. at the top and bottom of the ramp, B. where there is an abrupt change in direction of the ramp, and C. at horizontal intervals not greater than 9 m apart. ii. Landings must be a minimum of 1,670 mm by 1,670 mm at the top and bottom of the ramp and where there is an abrupt change in direction of the ramp. iii. Landings must be a minimum of 1,670 mm in length and at least the same width of the ramps for an in-line ramp. iv. Landings must have a cross slope that is not steeper than 1:50	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		6. Where a ramp has openings in its surface, i. The openings must not allow passage of an object that has a diameter of more than 20 mm, and ii. Any elongated openings must be oriented approximately perpendicular to the direction of travel.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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	7.A ramp must be equipped with handrails on both sides of the ramp and the handrails must, i. Be continuously graspable along their entire length and have circular cross-section with an outside diameter not less than 30 mm and not more than 40 mm, or any non-circular shape with a graspable portion that has a perimeter not less than 100 mm and not more than 155 mm and where largest cross-section dimension is not more than 57 mm, ii. Be not less than 865 mm and not more than 965 mm high, measured vertically from the surface of the ramp, except that handrails not meeting these requirements are permitted provided they are installed in addition to the required handrail, iii. Terminate in a manner that will not obstruct pedestrian travel or create a hazard, iv. Extend horizontally not less than 300 mm beyond the top and bottom of the ramp, v. Be provided with a clearance of not less than 50 mm between the handrail and any wall to which it is attached, and vi. Be designed and constructed such that handrails and their supports will withstand the loading values obtained from the nonconcurrent application of a concentrated load not less than 0.9 kN applied at any point and in any direction for all handrails and a uniform load not less than 0.7 kN/metre applied in any direction to the handrail.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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		8. Where the ramp is more than 2,200 mm in width, i. one or more intermediate handrails which are continuous between landings shall be provided and located so that there is no more than 1,650 mm between handrails, and ii. the handrails must meet the requirements set out in paragraph 7.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		9. The ramp must have a wall or guard on both sides	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		10. The ramp must have edge protection that is provided, i. With a curb at least 50 mm high on any side of the ramp where no solid enclosure or solid guard is provided, or ii. With railing or barriers that extend to within 50 mm of the finished ramp surface.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Exterior paths of travel, stairs (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 80.25, O. Reg. 413/12 s. 6)	January 1, 2016	Where the stairs connect to exterior paths of travel, the stairs must meet the following requirements: 1. The surface of the treads must have a finish that is slip resistant.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		2. Stairs must have uniform risers and runs in any one flight	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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		3. The rise between successive treads must be between 125 mm and 180 mm	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		4. The run between successive steps must be between 280 mm and 355 mm	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		5. Stairs must have closed risers	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		6. The maximum nosing projection on a tread must be no more than 38 mm, with no abrupt undersides.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		7. Stairs must have high tonal contrast marking that extend the full tread width of the leading edge of each step	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		8. Stairs must be equipped with tactile walking surface indicators that are built in or applied to the walking surface, and the tactile walking surface indicators must, i. Have raised tactile profiles, ii. Have a high tonal contrast with the adjacent surface, iii. Be located at the top of all flights of stairs, and iv. Extend the full tread width to a minimum depth of 610 mm commencing one tread depth from the edge of the stair	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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		9. Handrails must be included on both sides of stairs and must satisfy the requirements set out in paragraph 7 of subsection 80.24.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		10. A guard must be provided that is not less than 920 mm, measured vertically to the top of the guard from a line drawn through the outside edge of the stairway nosings and 1,070 mm around the landings and is required on each side of a stairway where the difference in elevation between ground level and the top of the stair is more than 600 mm but, where there is a wall, a guard is not required on that side.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		11. Where stairs are more than 2,200 mm in width, i. One or more intermediate handrails that are continuous between landings must be provided and located so there is no more than 1,650 mm between handrails, and ii. The handrails must satisfy the requirements set out in paragraph 7 of subsection 80.24.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Exterior paths of travel, curb ramps (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 80.26, O. Reg. 413/12 s. 6)	January 1, 2016	Where a curb ramp is provided on an exterior path of travel, the curb ramp must align with the direction of travel and meet the following requirements: 1. The curb ramp must have a minimum clear width of 1,200 mm, exclusive of any flared sides.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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		2. The running slope of the curb ramp must, i. Be a maximum of 1:8, where elevation is less than 75 mm, and ii. Be a maximum of 1:10, where elevation is 75 mm or greater and 200 mm or less	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		3. The maximum cross slope of the curb ramp must be no more than 1:50	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		4. The maximum slope on the flared side of the curb ramp must be no more than 1:10	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		5. Where the curb ramp is provided at a pedestrian crossing, it must have tactile walking surface indicators that, i. Have raised tactile profiles, ii. Have a high tonal contrast with the adjacent surface, iii. Are located at the bottom of the curb ramp, iv. Are set back between 150 mm and 200 mm from the curb edge, v. Extend the full width of the curb ramp, and vi. Are a minimum of 610 mm in depth.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Exterior paths of travel, depressed curbs (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 80.27, O. Reg. 413/12 s. 6)		Where a depressed curb is provided on an exterior path of travel, the depressed curb must meet the following requirements: 1. The depressed curb must have a maximum running slope of 1:20	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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		2. The depressed curb must be aligned with the direction of travel	Not Applicable	. Not Applicable
		3. Where the depressed curb is provided at a pedestrian crossing, it must have tactile walking surface indicators that, i. Have raised tactile profiles, ii. Have high tonal contrast with the adjacent surface, iii. Are located at the bottom portion of the depressed curb that is flush with the roadway, iv. Are set back between 150 mm and 200 mm from the curb edge, and v. Are a minimum of 610 mm in depth.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Exterior paths of travel, accessible pedestrian signals (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 80.28, O. Reg. 413/12 s. 6)	January 1, 2016	(1) Where new pedestrian signals are being installed or existing pedestrian signals are being replaced at a pedestrian crossover, they must be accessible pedestrian signals.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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		(2) Accessible pedestrian signals must meet the following requirements: 1. They must have a locator tone that is distinct from a walk indicator tone 2. They must be installed within 1,500 mm of the edge of the curb 3. They must be mounted at a maximum of 1,100 mm above ground level 4. The must have tactile arrows that align with the direction of crossing 5. They must include both manual and automatic activation features 6. They must include both audible and vibrotactile walk indicators	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		(3) Where two accessible pedestrian signal assemblies are installed on the same corner, they must be a minimum of 3,000 mm apart	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		(4) Where the requirements in subsection (3) cannot be met because of the site constraints or existing infrastructure, two accessible pedestrian signal assemblies can be installed on a single post, and when this occurs, a verbal announcement must clearly state which crossing is active.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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Exterior pathways of travel, rest areas (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 80.28, O. Reg. 413/12 s. 6)	January 1, 2016	When constructing new or redeveloping existing exterior paths of travel that they intend to maintain, obligated organizations shall consult on the design and placement of rest areas along the exterior path of travel and shall do so in the following manner: 1. shall consult with the public and persons with disabilities.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Application, off- street parking (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 80.32, O. Reg. 413/12 s. 6)	January 1, 2016	Obligated organization shall ensure that when constructing new or redeveloping off-street parking facilities that they intend to maintain, the off-street parking facilities meet the requirements set out in this part	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Types of accessible parking spaces (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 80.34, O. Reg. 413/12 s. 6)	January 1, 2016	Off-street parking facilities must provide the following two types of parking spaces for the use of persons with disabilities: 1. Type A, a wider parking space which has a minimum width of 3,400 mm and signage that identifies the space as "van accessible" 2. Type B, a standard parking space which has a minimum width of 2,400 mm	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Access aisles (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 80.35, O. Reg. 413/12 s. 6)	January 1, 2016	(1) Access aisles, that is the space between parking spaces that allows persons with disabilities to get in and out of their vehicles, must be provided for all parking spaces for the use of persons with disabilities in off-street parking facilities	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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		(2) Access aisles may be shared by two parking spaces for the use of persons with disabilities in an off-street parking facility and must meet the following requirement: 1. they must have a minimum width of 1,500 mm 2. they must extend the full length of the parking space 3. they must be marked with high tonal contrast diagonal lines, which discourages parking in them, where the surface is asphalt, concrete or some other hard surface	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Minimum number and type of accessible parking spaces (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 80.36, O. Reg. 413/12 s.		(1) Off-street parking facilities must have a minimum number of parking spaces for the use of persons with disabilities, in accordance with the following requirements: 1. one parking space for the use of persons with disabilities, which meets the requirements of a Type A parking space, where there are 12 parking spaces or fewer.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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Section	Date	2. 4% of the total number of parking spaces for the use of persons with disabilities, where there are between 13 and 100 parking spaces in accordance with the following ratio, rounding up to the nearest whole number: i. Where even number of parking spaces for the use of persons with disabilities are provided in accordance with the requirements of this paragraph, an equal number of parking spaces that meet the requirements of Type A parking space and Type B parking space must be provided ii. Where an odd number of parking spaces for the use of persons with disabilities are provided in accordance with this paragraph, the number of parking spaces must be divided equally between parking spaces that meet the requirements of a Type A parking space and a Type B parking space, but the additional parking space, the odd- numbered space, may be a Type B parking space.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		3. One parking space for the use of persons with disabilities and an additional 3% of parking spaces for the use of person with disabilities, where there are between 101 and 200 parking spaces for the use of persons with disabilities, calculated in accordance with ratios set out in subparagraphs 2i and 2ii, rounding up to the nearest whole number.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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		4. Two parking spaces for the use of persons with disabilities and an additional 2% of parking spaces for the use of persons with disabilities, where there are between 201 and 1,000 parking spaces must be parking spaces for the use of persons with disabilities in accordance with the ratios set out in subparagraphs 2i and 2ii, rounding up to the nearest whole number.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		5. Eleven parking spaces for the use of persons with disabilities and an additional 1% of parking spaces for the use of person with disabilities, where more than 1,000 parking spaces are provided must be parking spaces for persons with disabilities in accordance with the ratios set out in subparagraphs 2i and 2ii, rounding up to the nearest whole number.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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		(2)If an obligated organization provides more than one off- street parking facility at a site, the organization shall calculate the number and type of parking spaces for the use of persons with disabilities according to the number and type of parking spaces required for each off-street parking facility. (3)In determining the location of parking spaces for the use of persons with disabilities that must be provided where there is more than one off-street parking facility at a site, the organization may distribute them among the off-street parking facilities in a manner that provides substantially equivalent or greater accessibility in terms of distance from an accessible entrance or user convenience.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		(4)For purposes of subsection (3), the following factors may be considered in determining user convenience: 1. protection from the weather 2. security 3. lighting 4. comparative maintenance	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Signage (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 80.37, O. Reg. 413/12 s. 6)	January 1, 2016	Obligated organizations shall ensure that parking spaces for the use of persons with disabilities are required under section 80.36 are distinctly indicated by erecting an accessible permit parking sign in accordance with section 11 of Regulation 581 of the Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1990	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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On-street parking spaces (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 80.38, O. Reg. 413/12 s. 6)	January 1, 2016	(1) When constructing or redeveloping existing on-street parking spaces, designated public sector organization shall consult on the need, location and design of accessible on-street parking spaces and shall do so in the following manner: 1. designated public sector organizations must consult with the public and persons with disabilities	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Application (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 80.40, O. Reg. 413/12 s. 6)	January 1, 2016	 (1) Obligated organizations shall meet the requirements set out in this Part in respect to the following: 1. all newly constructed service counters and fixed queuing guides 2. all newly constructed or redeveloped waiting areas 	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		(2) For the purposes of the Part, requirements for obtaining services in respect of service counters, fixed queuing guides and waiting areas apply whether the services are obtained in buildings or out-of-doors	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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Service counters (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 80.41, O. Reg. 413/12 s. 6)	January 1, 2016	1. There must be at a minimum one service counter that accommodates a mobility aid for each type of service provided and the accessible service counter must be clearly identified with signage, where there are multiple queuing lines and service counters. 2. Each service counter must accommodate a mobility aid, where a single queuing line serves a single or multiple counters. (2) The service counter that accommodates mobility aids must meet the following requirements: 1. The countertop height must be such that it is usable by a person seated in a mobility aid 2. There must be sufficient knee clearance for a person seated in a mobility aid, where forward approach to the counter is required. 3. The floor space in front of the counter must be sufficiently clear so as to accommodate a mobility aid	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
Fixed queuing guides (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 80.42, O. Reg. 413/12 s. 6)	January 1, 2016	When constructing new fixed queuing guides, the following requirements must be met: 1. The fixed queuing guides must provide sufficient width to allow for the passage of mobility aids and mobility assistive devices 2. The fixed queuing guides must have sufficiently clear floor area to permit mobility aids to turn where queuing lines change direction 3. The fixed queuing guides must be cane detectable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	

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Waiting areas (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 80.43, O. Reg. 413/12 s. 6)	January 1, 2016	(1) When constructing a new waiting area or redeveloping an existing waiting area, where seating is fixed to the floor, a minimum of 3% of the new seating must be accessible, but in no case shall there be fewer than one accessible seating space.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		(2) For the purposes of this section, accessible seating is a space in the seating area where an individual using a mobility aid can wait	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Maintenance of accessible elements (AODA, 2005, O. Reg. 191/11, s. 80.44, O. Reg. 413/12 s. 6)	January 1, 2016	In addition to the accessibility plan requirements set out in section 4, obligated organizations shall ensure that their multi- year accessibility plans include the following: 1. procedures for preventative and emergency maintenance of the accessible elements in public spaces as required under this Part, 2. Procedures for dealing with temporary disruptions when accessible elements required under this Part are not in working order.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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